

MINUTES OF THE CASTLECOMER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY AT 12 NOON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET, KILKENNY

In the chair: Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh
Present: Cllrs Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Michael Delaney and Maurice Shortall (remotely)
In attendance: Mr Paraic Butler, Mr Martin Prendiville, Mr Michael Leahy and Ms Nancy Byrne

1. Confirmation of Minutes of:

(a) Ordinary meeting held 20th January 2025

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

(a) Public lighting proposals for the Discretionary Funding – Mr Paraic Butler

Mr Paraic Butler circulated public lighting proposals for Discretionary Funding as detailed below:-

Public Lighting	2024	2025	Total
Muckalee Clár Fund Additional (€30,000 Total, €27500 funded from CLAR	€ 2,500		
Coon Village Extension	€ 6,500		
Galmoy Village Extension	€ 14,000		
Paulstown Village Extension		€ 12,000	
Lisnafunchion School		€ 9,000	
Castlewarren Carpark		€ 7,000	
Tullaroan Village Extension		€ 12,000	
Love Lane Castlecomer		€ 5,000	
Salome Place/Moneenroe Extension		€ 5,000	
	€ 23,000	€ 50,000	€ 73,000

The public lighting proposals as circulated was proposed by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Michael Delaney and agreed.

Public Lighting outage - Johnstown

The public lighting outage in Johnstown was discussed and members asked that traffic calming signage on the stretch of road impacted be cleaned with a view to aiding road safety. Mr Paraic Butler confirmed he had received an update from ESB Networks which advised of an estimated restoration time of the end of February.

3. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District for transaction at such meeting

None

4. Other business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting

(a) Items submitted by members:

i Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Hedge Cutting

ii Cllr Maurice Shortall

- Seeking an update on dangerous trees and ditches in the wake of the recent storm and the plan going forward to deal with them to prevent further damage to ESB/Eir cables and potential road fatalities .

Item (i) & (ii) submitted by Cllrs Cavanagh & Shortall were dealt with collectively

Contributions were received from the members regarding the following:

- Compliance by the majority of landowners was acknowledged and members asked that appropriate action be taken for those who are non-compliant.
- Lack of co-operation from agencies including Coillte.
- Policy with regard to planting near the location of ESB/ Eir wires.
- Prohibitive costs associated with tackling ash die back.
- The Department of Agriculture Derogation regulations.
- Ensure debris left after hedge cutting is cleaned from dykes.

Mr Martin Prendiville highlighted the need to raise greater awareness of landowner's responsibility.

5. Notices of Motion

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. Matters arising from minutes

(a) Bi-monthly Municipal District Meetings

Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh spoke regarding trialling bi-monthly meetings. Cllr Cavanagh proposed the next MD Ordinary meeting would take place on 28th of April and commence at 11.30; Cllr Cavanagh's proposal was seconded by Cllrs Michael Delaney, Michael McCarthy and Maurice Shortall. Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick objected to the proposal and raised concerns that the introduction of bi-monthly MD meetings was a step towards eroding the MD's power.

Mr Martin Prendiville advised the introduction of bi-monthly MD meetings had been discussed by both the CPG and Party Whips and reminded members of challenges to get Departments to attend

MD meetings because of both staff resources and duplication. Mr Prendiville confirmed the decision whether or not to proceed with bi-monthly MD meetings was an issue for the MD to decide.

8. Any other business

(a) Kilkenny County Council Speed Limit Review – Pre-Draft Consultation – Urban Spaces

Mr Paraic Butler advised members that Kilkenny County Council intend to conduct a review of the current Special Speed Limit Bye Laws for urban areas within the County. Mr Butler advised of the commencement of the process and invited members to make submissions in relation to Urban Speed Limits.

(b) MD Workshop – Road Works Programme

Members agreed a MD workshop would take place on Monday, 10th March at 12 noon in the Castlecomer Area Office to discuss the Road Works Programme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Chairperson:

Mary Huda Linnagh

Date:

24th March 2015

